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Original Poetry.

THE CRIPPLE ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, BY HENRY MORFORD.

It was bright in the merry Christmas time,
Bright in the shrewish air,
When the bells rang out with a pleasant chime,
And the old ones gathered to prayer,—
When the heart, bent down in the load of years
The Christmas time goes by,
And a warm blood with new beauty bears
For all beneath the sky!

Teeny eyes flashed bright in the morning sun,
And many smile dawned out,
As the youth of the village, every one,
Passed by with a gladdening shout—
Oh no, for alone, by the old barn side,
Where the westward sunshine lay
But the little sufferer, true and tried,
The Cripple on Christmas Day.

Many a day I had marked him well,
With the crushed and withered limb,
What he summer saw and the bright world fell,
Bringing no play to him,
As he looked on the sports he could not share,
Or limped on his crutch and cane,
And thought how ill the spirit could bear
The weight of his endless chain:—
To be bound forever to ailing pain,
To be shut from the joys of life,
When the laugh rang out from merry lips,
And the world was open and wide!
And again and again, when the last year died,
When his mates were off and away,
The little sufferer, all alone,
The Cripple on Christmas Day.

Poor boy! He played on the frozen ground
With the end of his pressed crust,
And I heard him cry, with a pitiful sound,
To sing a boyish strain:
And he tried to check the big round tears
That trembled down his cheek,
For he knew the soul of older years,
Though his little heart was weak.
But he thought again of his playmates' sail,
And his head dropped on his breast,
And he turned his face to the cold gray wall,
And his hand to his forehead prest.
A stranger stopped in his heavy tread,
As he hurried down the street,
And I saw him raise the bending head
Of the Cripple on Christmas Day.

God bless the heart of man, that still,
In its struggle for power and gold,
Is human love, and is kindly still,
For the helpless and the old!
The stranger's eye was dim and wet,
I knew that his purse was small,
But he gave him the toys that he bought that morn
To take home to his children all!
And the pile that fell from the stranger's hand,
And the joy in the poor boy's eye,
Were things not eaten by God's command
In the records of the sky!
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THE SAILOR BOY'S SONG.

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Away, boys, away! while the sea is shining bright,
While the merry waves are dancing, beneath its gay light,
Hark to the plaintive moan that trembles on our ears,
"Farewell! farewell! dear sailor boy, for days and months and years!"
Then away, then away, on the bright and joyous sea,
While the waves are dancing round us, in their merry jollity.

Away, boys, away, as we skip along the isle,
We'll think of home's unnumbered joys, with hearts of love and pride;
We'll kiss our fair dears, inviting lip, as if we feel in love,
We'll hear the sweetness of each word, if spoke in blue or woe.
Then away, then away, on the bright and joyous sea,
While the waves are dancing round us, in their merry jollity.

Away, boys, away, e'en now I see the bed,
Where our aging mother sank feeble, departing soul,
E'en now I hear her parting prayer, her last departing sigh,
When love was glowing in her breast, and gleaming in her eye.
Then away, then away, on the bright and joyous sea,
While the waves are dancing round us, in their merry jollity.

Away, boys, away, the wind sweeps roughly now,
It rends the lovers of my cheek, the passion of my brow,
For when I think the saffral and gaze into the isle,
I think of her who loved me once—who would have been my bride.
Then away, then away, on the bright and joyous sea,
While the waves are dancing round us, in their merry jollity.

I sended her with a parting line, I took one dear embrace,
But memory, sweet memory, still shows her smiling face.
Oh! could I gaze with earnest eyes on that long cherished form of friend—
But angels grand her footsteps now, and all her path is strewed.
Then away, then away, on the bright and joyous sea,
While the waves are dancing round us, in their merry jollity.

Away, boys, away, right merrily away,
My heart is gleeful, and I'm free as the wave, why should we longer stay?
Our steady craft lies yonder, her bosom lashed in gold,
If we are patient waiters, we shall be free and bold—
Then away, then away, on the bright and joyous sea,
While the waves are dancing round us, in their merry jollity.

And when our voyage's over, right merrily we'll toss
To where the heart's affections flow, and genial friendship's cross,
And with the bundle of our riches our heart's image bear-
Then away, then away, on the bright and joyous sea,
While the waves are dancing round us, in their merry jollity.

Pictures of Life.

THE TWO AUNTS;
Or, The Frown and the Smile.

However necessary it may be to use the cork with boys, there should, we think, be a bearing to it, and principles in the education of girls. The character to be dealt with in the latter case is usually of a kind which can be moved by moral interposition by gentle treatment, and we never yet knew a female heart to possess any value which was only to be operated upon through the medium of fear. To mothers of the middle classes especially, where individuality of character is of importance, we would say, treat your daughters with all the confidence that may seem at all consistent with a prudent caution. Teach them, by kindness, to be grateful for every indulgence; encourage in them a consciousness that you wish, even in trifles, to make them happy, strengthen the spring of hope in their young hearts, and thus obtain a healthful ascendancy over their childhood, and growing with their growth, may carry them forward through many a privation, many a subsequent trial; and then, even if some but adverse circumstances should await them, if the loving heart must meet a chill, the trusting heart be betrayed, never can disappointment nor calamity crush the strength of course so truly bestowed. Through these means the gold ore of genuine treatment be judiciously applied. In one neighborhood, which I used only say was in the south of England some few years ago, and which is known by herself, two aged sisters, one of whom, Jane had never been married, the other, Nance, was a widow, and had children. Why Jane and Nance lived together it is difficult to say, unless their separation was a result of a considerable difference in tempers and habits, and movements which are apt to be complexions lost something unpleasant had occurred. Nance, however, would herself deliberately, and laid her shawl and bonnet aside, as if she had lengthened stay; then addressing Margaret in tones, which, if not perhaps ever in her life used towards her own ward, she requested her to bring her a drink of water from the old spring well. "And mention," added she, turning to Jane with an affectionate smile, "I do not think the wide world holds another so pure or so refreshing."

Jane's heart, ever dwelling on the past, gratefully acknowledged this little tribute to early recollections, and a quick gratified look at her sister's sweet eyes showed her appreciation of it too. She took her pail and passed through the open door, and the silence that for some minutes looked after her as she tripped lightly down the winding path then their eyes met with a pleasant smile, and an expression of almost equal tenderness in each. "She is a good girl," exclaimed Nance with genuine warmth, "and no doubt, Jane, but, in the absence of other blessings, you have found her to be a true one to yourself, very different will you feel whenever you are asked in part with her from the way I feel myself to day."

"If I parted with my darling for her own good," said Jane, tremulously, "I hope I would not be so selfish as to indulge in one regret."

"I believe you, Jane; 'twould be only like yourself. But, still allowing you may through the world—alive, enterprising, and sturdy—what did she know of the softer feelings of the heart! They are those which confer value on the human heart earlier life, and she now never imagined their existence; indeed we believe that, in her inmost soul, she rather despised such sensitiveness, and imputed much of her sister's early sorrows, and her present lonely lot, to indulgence in those fancies; and therefore, she considered, as a duty, owed her candor, not inclined that way, to bring up her little charge with the strictest discipline, to discourage each softer emotion, and confine her attention to the less pleasing realities of life, convinced that kind words and caresses were more injurious to her mind than the most cloying sweetmeats would have been to her body.

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In answer to Jane's repeated inquiry, Nance replied, "Oh, 'tis only a trifle; but the walk made me so peaceful: nothing would do that young minx at home but to go hunting for hens, and pelting them with stones; and when I ran out to stop her, she flung the last of them away, and hit me right on the instep, taking off a piece of the skin as large as a shilling. I'll be bound I gave her two or three good flakings, that kept her quiet for the rest of the day; but I could not put on a shoe or a stocking yesterday, and was obliged to stay at home from prayers, thanks to the little hunt."

Now, amongst the ravages of time, Nance had lost more than one of her once pearly teeth; this rendered her utterance at all times, but more especially when speaking in excitement, rather indistinct, besides which, those same miserable years had rendered Jane's sense of hearing, as we most not be surprised at her answering Nance in a pleasant and gentle tone.—Playthings—that was very considerate indeed of you to give the little creature some playthings, to keep her quiet within doors, instead of letting her run wild after the hens."

"Playthings!" reiterated Nance, in a tone of contemptuous impatience, "indeed I would like to see my way making out playthings for her: no, I gave her some good flakings—flakings, Jane! and then I locked her up till she was tired of crying, and I did the same to-day, to keep her out of harm's way whilst I was gone; that's the way to make them behave themselves right."

She shook her head consciously at little Margaret, who looked up with a half smile of intelligence, while Jane, unwilling to enter into any discussion before her, contented herself with raising her hand in a deprecatory manner, and the subject for the present dropped, to be often afterwards renewed, as each sister remonstrated with the other on a method of treatment from her own, each thinking it perfectly right, and each more and more convinced of the excellence of her own particular plan. Thus, as the years passed on, Jane grew into a spoiled child, content, indeed, often clever and self-handed, for Nance was determined to make her so, she still took to her heart the most tender sympathy for her sufferings, but more sullen, inert, and spiritless while in Nance's presence, more wild and thoughtless when that restraint was removed. Censurship under a dread of punishment, which was never adapted to touch her feelings or convince her reason, she gradually escaped the habit of taking counsel and asking leave, and, still worse, of appropriating what she could not obtain, too often exercising the underhand cunning by a deviation from the truth; and though sometimes discovered and severely punished, still increased duplicity, instead of correction, caused the result of such chastisement.

Little Margaret, on the other hand, guided by the law of kindness, moved about at her daily occupations with little and pleasant tasks, always endeavoring to do her best, or, failing in that, more sorry for the mischance than those who suffered by it. She took an interest, and felt a sort of property, in everything intrusted to her care; for did not all belong to dear Aunt Jane, who once denied her anything she could grant, or, if obliged to do so, had always the true and loving reason to reconcile her to the privation? Had the learned frankly to tell her that she and wishes, feeling even through the difference of years, that she was relating them to a second self; only more excellent, more experienced, but never less anxious or sympathizing than she expected; and thus her young mind, moulded by constant application to that beautiful model, received, even in its inmost recesses, the impression of that tried and gentle heart.

And then they grew up: a union, very similar in appearance, but with dispositions and expressions of countenance as different as night and day. They were not much together, for as we have said, neither sat out approval of the method of the other; and this act of agreement on this important subject had, without impairing their affection, still lessened their intimacy. Visits were, however, at stated times exchanged, and no circumstance of particular joy or trust ever occurred to one, without being immediately imparted to the other.

The girls had passed their eighteenth birthday at Aunt Jane's cottage. It had been her invariable practice to give them a little festival on this occasion; and Margaret, while delighted at her friend's anxiety enjoyment, had seen more than ever in pity and deplore in her disposition and education. The next morning she was talking over the subject with Aunt Jane, and proposing many warm-hearted but visionary plans, when suddenly the door opened, and Nance entered. Nance made her appearance. The visit was quite unexpected, and there was an excitement in her looks and movements which seemed to betoken a horrible condition in life—a circumstance occurred which rendered it necessary for her to leave home immediately. Her son-in-law, young wife, their sister-in-law, gave birth to twin-daughters, and died in her confinement. Her husband, with that strength of happiness peculiarly in his mind, never afterwards "raised his head," but pined in gloom through three or four weary years, and then followed her to the grave, leaving the little orphans to the care of his sister-in-law to each. They were poor, shy, awkward, untutored little things; and the two unmarried women, each according to her own peculiar character, welcomed the charge, and commenced their duties as far as in them lay, to supply to them a mother's place.

But with what different ideas! Jane, accustomed to solitude, compassionate, reflecting, finding her only recreation in attending to her garden and the poor, squeezed in the little creatures that now was to give life to her lonely hours; she trusted her with the tenderness that she would have bestowed on one of her own but blossoms; she spoke to her with the gentle tones with which she comforted the lowly; and thus combining all former duties, all avocations in her present delight, she was soon rewarded by the entire confidence of its object, who, forgetful of her former fellows, followed her, with trembling footsteps, round the garden, and through the house, her sweet voice and merry laughter echoing like a fairy bell.

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experiment, took the letters one back to her heart and to her home, where, in the full tide of mutual affection and forgiveness, they never since have entertained, or had come to enter, one harsh or one reproachful word.

Mr. —— need not dread on the happiness of Margaret and Aunt Jane. Emerson resisted Jenkins' offer when candidly relating Mr. Conkle's affairs; Margaret, he declared, could only be miserable with Jenkins, on a discovery that had frightened poor Dewey's husband. His own innocence was thoroughly established and his good name restored, and that time will be declared, all he sought.

Mr. Conkle was obliged to acquiesce, but would adopted a contemptuous manner calculated to his feelings. He paid a handsome appointive fee, and bowed him for three years to Mr. Drummond, the church's guidance of a neighboring city, and on the day of the expiration of that time, it is arranged that old Green, his former master, shall be superannuated at with a pension, and that Aunt Margaret shall be united to Laurence Quin, then "head gardener" at the Park.

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THIS WEEK'S PAPER.

We commend those of our readers who want a good laugh, to "Mary Weiden's Party," on our first page. "The Cripple on Christmas Day," to our notice, is a very well written piece, pathetic and natural. While the other original and selected articles will, we think, maintain the high position the Post has acquired among its cotemporaries. Several articles intended for our editorial columns, are crowded out by the Army and Foreign News.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The Whale Riddle. There is no end to the questions we are favored to the riddle, in prose and verse. Some, in verse, are very tolerable; but as we have already published one answer—the first that came to hand—we respectfully decline all others; thanking our correspondent for the proof they have afforded, that if any such "big fish" is to run the gauntlet of our sea" anchors without being harpooned, he is very much mistaken. We think, however, that the answer we have already published by the "English Riddle," we published some time ago, for we have not received the first answer. That, instead of being a whale, must be a shark.

The Tailor or the Soul. This poem is accepted, with pleasure.

Lines Written in Memory of Two Dear Children. This poem contains many very touching lines, and is manifestly the feeling that the composer of it is often defective, that we are compelled reluctantly to decline it.

The Child's Dream, is accepted.

Chata Cleverly. We will call and get the tale Cloud spoken of.

Affliction. This poem is accepted,—and the accompanying one, "The Dreaming Captive," declined.

BORN OUT OF THEIR AGES.

About the best time we have met with lately, or cuts in as many by one of the enterprising publishers of the Albion Journal. He says that, while the *leaders* are in the prime of life, there "every man, generally speaking, has a different *spiritual sense Dummy*, his date of send being past, present or future." Then he classifies his acquaintances as men of different centuries—the seventeenth century man, the eighteenth century one, up to the man of the twentieth century—and further still, to the man of that happy period, when moral evil shall be entirely banished from the face of the earth.

We say that this classification of Mr. Chambers's, strikes us as an exceedingly happy idea. All of us, perhaps, in looking around among the little circle with whom we are acquainted, yes, and looking further too, into the ranks of statesmen, clergymen, and soldiers; are able to single out many who seem to belong as properly to a past, as some few others to a future age. There are men, good and kind, talented, too, whose whole aim in life appears to be to prevent the lusty Present from growing out of and throwing aside the dull, dead shell of the Past. They seem to have no ideal beyond what has been—they are ever looking backward to the safe past which the young Columbus has left, rather than forward to the vast continent ahead, towards which he is urged by a prophetic instinct, which he himself does not fully comprehend, to direct his course. Such men can not to be blamed, but to be pitied. In the strange jumble into which all things, in a greater or less degree, have gotten in this most inexplicable world, they have happened to be born some centuries too late; and true to their instincts, they wish, if they must at all, to go backwards instead of forwards. Perhaps, too, there is a singular wisdom in this apparent freak of Nature's, as there is very apt to be in all the doings of that most wonderful power. Such men, born out of their time, are perhaps the spiritual anchors, which prevent the Present and the Future from parting entirely with the Past. For there is a constant tendency in the times that are, to despise the times that have been; the child, with his book learning, is ever inclined to undervalue the wisdom of his father, unthaught in other than the world's great school. Such men, perhaps, therefore, are needed to retain the ages that are gone, to hold up a stubborn and true testimony to the nobility and manful talent of an era that has passed away.

And, on the other hand, who cannot readily call to mind, if not among our acquaintances among his favorite statesmen and writers, the men of the Future—men alive born out of their time, but with a nobler creed—men of thrifties to be the guides to the under-covered American of thought—Columbuses, to give, not only to Castile and Leon, but to the whole world besides, a new world to live in? It is easy to know such, as they move among their fellows—their hearts are full of hope, for they walk by faith, not by sight; and they have a large flushed their faces with a holy radiance, as of "a new dawn had risen on noon day." These are the great souls whose kind is not the Age of Loyalty; worthy as that true of its day, nor such Glory as is bought with red blood upon the battle-field, nor the rank Luxury of commerce-plundered nations, but so long of peace, justice, mercy and charity—of when war, religious and political rancour, blind national prejudice, and self-aggrandizement, shall be no more *the childhood of mankind*, shall pass away in the course of nature, even as the coalmen and recklessness of the boy are changed for the soft manners and grave sentiments of youth." Yes, those are the men who can sing, not as a mere "*bagatelle*," as he *falsely* says they were written, the words of the poet Burns.

> "*For a' that, and a' that,*
> It's coming yet for a' that,
> When man to man the world o'er,
> Shall brotherhood be for a' that!"

FANNY FORESTER'S REPLY

It will be remembered by our readers, that there was quite a general expression of regret by the press, when it was first announced that Fanny had fallen in love with Dr. Judson, and had determined to accompany him to his distant home (and perhaps,) to India, where he was destined as a missionary. Fanny, it was said, did not like much the freedom of comment which the public had felt obliged in at the time—although it was but a proof of their interest in her, and their trust of motives in the work in which she was engaged—a work, which she had a right and moreover will to do as she pleased, and would marry the doctor in spite of the news papers. We have before us a letter from Fanny, written after the matter was altogether where it was, and therefore indited the following poem, upon her voyage, which will be read with interest by her friends. In fact, simply as a casual acquaintance with your own; until he became a member of my military family, and I can truly say, that no one ever more completely won my confidence, or possessed a more lasting claim to my respect and esteem. Manly and honorable in every respect, he was a devoted son, and a devoted husband. Under the guidance of himself and the lamented McKee, gallantly fell the core of Kentucky to the standard of her battle, upheld the honor of the State and of the country.

A grateful people will do justice to the memory of the brave dead, and to the living. But I may be permitted to express the bereavement which I feel in the loss of valued friends, and to say that I left bereft by the strongest ties of private regard, when I miss his familiar face, and that of Col. McKee and Haskin, I can say with truth, that I feel an enfeebling in our ranks.

With the expression of my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved families of the brave, my dear sir, most faithfully and sincerely,

Your friend,
Hon. Henry Clay, New Orleans, La.

As expressing precisely the state of our own feelings, we refer particularly to the last paragraph but one, we think the poem is very fine

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TRAVELLING AGENTS.

Mr. C. W. JAMES, of Harrison street, Cincinnati, Ohio, is our Agent for Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee, assisted by *James R. Smith, T. Gardner Smith, J. T. Howe, H. Jennings, and Prof. Cook.*

JOHN HERON, Esq., is our Travelling Agent for Maryland. Mr. JAMES is our Travelling Agent for the District of Columbia, assisted by *Messrs. Wm. H. Wilson, H. Wall, O. H. P. Bone, John R. Wall, and Prof. Bowers as the Lion Killer,* while a mile from the city, where they were protected from a point blank shot of the Castle. At sunset they fired shot and shell at a rapid rate, and kept them up occasionally into the night.

THOMAS SEVERN is our Travelling Agent for New York.

The Castle soon paid its respects to Capt. Tatnall, and the gunners and engines of horse artillery from now new in full blast from every quarter, and the deadly shot and deadly missile into each other's ranks in rapid succession; which they kept up until about dark, when the Mexicans made a comparatively ceased and the "Mosquito Fleet" also held off for the night.

It's clock the party that were in the trenches were relieved by another detail. The troops who returned from the trenches were literally covered with smoke and dust, and so much disfigured that could not be recognized even by their voices. Shell after shell exploded in their midst, and shot after shot threw showers of earth from the embankments over their heads as they lay in the trenches. Their escape seems to have been miraculous, indeed, and every person is astonished at at least one half of their number were not killed.

We here allow me to relate an incident that occurred during the lowliest of the fire—it is an evidence of the coolness of the American soldier in time of the greatest danger, and at the same time illustrates the ruling passion of a small portion of the army. When the shells were in a state of greatest danger, brought on, no doubt, by having too much powder in the cannon, a sergeant was ordered to the rear on account of his wife. A small party, who had been laying in the trenches all day, were devising some means of passing away the time. At length one of them proposed a game at cards, and handed out an old greasy pack, and some half dozen of them sat down in a ditch to play, with nothing but tobacco for stakes. They became much interested, and it was not long before they forgot all about the shells and Mexican batteries, or any thing else but their tobacco and cards. It was not long, however, before a 13 inch shell fell on the top of the embankment, and exploded immediately over their heads, and the earth; they all scrambled out as quick as they could, without stopping to gather up the stakes, and resuming it out from their eyes, one of them very coolly remarked, "Boys, this is getting a little too hot for us; we had better quit, or we'll be burned in the morning."

Capt. Haskell, Captains Cheatham, Foster, Snead, Lieut. Judd, and all the officers and men in the company, were spoken of in the highest terms by Col. Harney for their gallant conduct throughout the day.

The Naval Officers at General Patterson's battery were relieved to-day by Capt. Breese, Lieuts. Rout, Worsham, Allen, Taylor, Passed Midn. Meade, Midshipmen Bestel, Mayo, Morris, and some others whose names I could not learn. Dr. Baxter, Surg. and Hambleton.

Before a while flag was sent in, asking, on behalf of the people, to allow them to leave the city, with their families and personal property, as soon as convenient. I could not learn what was the precise time that was agreed upon, but I do not think they desired—they had waited a little too long to be allowed to get the person to be caught by a rose of this kind.

MARCH 16, 1847.—Last night Gov. Morales was said to be suffering severely, to surrender the town to the Americans, and to leave the city with the Mexican forces his lance into his magnanimous breast. He declined he would not surrender the town, and that he would defend it to the last—that he would defend it to the last—that he would defend it to the last—

A Fine Poem.

LIFE'S ERRORS.

What if, in that sublimest state
To which our souls shall soar when amids,
The things of earth, and time, and fate,
Shall seem before our eyes again;
Shall our restless ear life's dear tones catch,
As wont, and our inquisitive intelligence,
And by these tones, and words, and things,
"What mortal's fate and weight now is taking"

Oh, what a sound 'mong those shall these
Be, that all their lives have mourned and feared!
Shall by one, or through a glass,
What then shall fleet to be, be seen;
The nothingness of all of it grieve,
The falsehood of the love we sought,
The pitiable truth of human friendship,
The worth of all we valued not!

Providence, it shall not then be seen
That this, our earthly path of woes,
So desolate a waste hath been,
But that the universe's eye appears,
When clearest light around us breaks,
Our eyes shall read our course below,
Our truest line of long mistake,
Armed by mercy a soothless we.

Our youth, our manhood, all is given
In imitating the wealth of beast;
Our manhood had the harder care
Of wanting all those fictions depict
What was there left for old age,
Except in soul-agony to rue
The errors of a pilgrimage
We could not, if we would, recure?

Yet in ourselves the evil lay,
Poor, weak's aimlessness of we!
Our idols then were made of clay,
But 'twas our hands that made them so;
We needed some diviner self,
To waste our hearts' desire on short
The lovely fruit of trusting all,
This blame sin of trusting some.

Then we not then with vain disgust
From love hampered and faith deceived,
But let our hearts forget to trust,
When they are wounded, wrung, and grieved.

This home love's lesson—it is such
As none life's discipline can the chapter to which;
Oh! we can never love too much,
If we will only love aright!

Singular Statement.

EMANUEL SWEDENBORG.

Swedenborg, the founder of the New Jerusalem sect, towards the close of his long life, professed to have been illuminated to such a degree that he could converse with angels and departed spirits. We find the following letter from Kant, the eminent German metaphysician, to a lady, in relation to this subject.

"I would not have deprived myself of long for the honor and pleasure of obeying the request of a lady who is the ornament of her sex, in communicating the desired information, if I had not deemed it necessary previously to inform myself thoroughly concerning the subject of your request. Permit me, gracious lady, to justify my proceedings in the matter, inasmuch as it might appear that an erroneous opinion has induced me to credit the various relations concerning it without careful examination. I can not assure that any body has ever perceived in me an inclination to the marvellous, or a weakness approaching to credulity. So much is certain, that notwithstanding all the narrations at oppositions, and violence concerning the spiritual world of which a great number of the most probable are known to me, I have always considered it to be the most in agreement with the rule of sound reason to incline to the negative side; not as if I had imagined such a case to be impossible, although we know but very little concerning the nature of a spirit, but because it the stances are not in general sufficiently proved. There arises, moreover, from the incomprehensible falsity and inability of this sort of phenomena, too many difficulties; and they are, on the other hand, so many proofs of deception, that I have never considered it necessary to suffer fear or dread to come upon me, either in the cemeteries of the dead or in the darkness of night. This is the position in which my mind stood a long time, until the accounts of Swedenborg came to my hand.

The wider it was, indeed, restricted that her deceased husband was too orderly and particular in his affairs, not to have settled and paid the account, however, on account of the lack of the receipt for payment. In her trouble, and as the value was considerable, she entrusted M. de Swedenborg to pay her a visit, of whom she had heard that he would if he possessed the gift of being able to speak with departed souls, as every body said he did, to have the kindness to inquire of her husband in the next world respecting the demand of payment for a set of silver plate. Swedenborg was very affable, and promised to see her in the affair. Three days after wards, the same lady had company, when M. de Swedenborg came, and told her, in the most manner, that he had spoken with her husband. The lady had been paid seven months before his death, and the receipt had been put in a bureau which was in an upper apartment. The lady replied that the bureau had been cleaned out, and that the receipt could not be found among any of the papers. Swedenborg answered, that her husband had told him that if a drawer on the left side of the bureau was pulled out, a board would be observed which must be pushed away, and then a secret drawer would be discovered, in which he used to keep his secret papers, and among them that they received from the public treasury, 110,000 francs or near $22,000 for the year 1845.

The French Government must approve of all the appointments made of Priests, Pastors, Rabbins and other persons who minister in the several sects of religion, and that no bull, brief, or rescript from the power that be, the clergy will always be found seniors to preserve the hand that feeds them.

Contrasted with other European governments, France is, perhaps, more free than any of them as to the subject of religion. In each of them there is a Church recognized by the State, and which is also the object of the care of the Government; and in most of them there are but two of these things than was. I do. I worship the Lord of Hosts and the Lord. Illustrious achievements of civil profession. Innocent III. the Great, Pope, and the despot of Christendom at thirty-seven. John de Medici was a cardinal at fifteen, and Consalvi could tells us, baffled with his state craft Frederick of Arragon himself. He was pope, as Leo X at thirty-seven. Richelieu was secretary of state at thirty-three. Cortes was a rich captain than at thirty-two. Take Ignatius Loyola and John Wesley; they worked with young brains. Ignatius was not only thirty when he founded the Jesuits, and Wesley the "Spiritual Exercises." Pascal wrote a great work at sixteen, the greatest of Voltaire's, and died at thirty-nine. Alfieri, the fatal thirty-seven, which reminds me of Byron, greater even as a man, than a writer. Was it argument that guided the pencil of Raphael, when he painted the palaces of Rome? He died, too,